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1. SCIATT AND EMBOFF MET WITH MINISTER JOAO FRANCK DA COSTA,
CHIEF OF FONOFF DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WHO WILL
BE SUB-CHIEF OF GOB DELEGATION TO WROKING GROUP. COSTA
PROVIDED FOLLOWING RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS POSED IN REF A:

A) GOB HAS THUS FAR RECEIVED NOTIFICATION FROM ONLY A FEW
CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES THAT THEY WILL BE SENDING DELEGATIONS.
HOWEVER, COSTA WAS UNCONCERNED AND STATED THAT IT WAS
TYPICAL NOT TO KNOW WHO WILL BE ATTENDING UNTIL PREACTICALLY
THE OPENING DAY OF THE MEETING.

B) AS REPORTED REF C, THE GOB IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT
ARGENTINE SENSITIVITIES RELATING TO THE LATTER'S ROLE AS MFM
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SECRETARY PRO TEMPORE. ACCORDINGLY, THE GOB HAS NOT DEVELOPED

A COMPREHENSIVE AGENDA FOR THE BRASILIA MEETING, UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT ARGENTINA MAY WISH TO TABLE AN AGENDA WHEN THE MEETING OPENS. IN THE EVENT THAT ARGENTINE DELEGATION DOES NOT BRING SUCH AN AGENDA, THE GOB IS PREPARED TO OFFER A SIMPLE AGENDA CONSISTING OF OPENING REMARKS, ELECTION OF OFFICERS, ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AGENDA, WORKING SESSIONS ON ITEMS OF AGENDA AND PREPARATION OF THE FINAL REPORT.

C) COSTA PROVIDED FOLLOWING LIST OF BRAZILIAN DELEGATION:
CHIEF OF DELEGATION - MINISTER PAULO CABRAL DE MELLO, CHIEF OF FONOFF REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT.
SUB-CHIEF OF DELEGATION - MINISTER JAO FRANCK DA COSTA, CHIEF OF DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF FONOFF.
DR. JOSE PELUCIO FERREIRA. PRESIDENT OF FINEP, AGENCY ENGAGED IN FINANCING OF RESEARCH AND SUTDIES WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING. HE IS CHIEF AUTHOR OF GOB BASIC PLAN FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PUBLISHED BY MINISTRY OF PLANNING (BRASILIA A-218 DATED DECEMBER 18, 1973).
DR. JOSE WALTER BAUTISTA VIDAL, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE OFFICIAL DEALING WITH INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY.
PROFESSOR PERCIO DE SOUZA SANTOS FROM SAO PAULO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH (IPT). PROFESSOR SOUZA SANTOS IS GENERALLY FAMILIAR WITH AID SAO PAULO LOAN. HE ALSO DIRECTED AID FINANCED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY STUDY UNDER JOINT NAS-CNPQ AUSPICES.
PROFESSOR ABRAHAO IACHAN, DIRECTOR OF ORGANIC CHEMISTRY DIVISION NATIONA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN RIO.
COUNSELOR PAULO MONTEIRO LIMA, CHIEF OF OAS DIVISION OF FONOFF.
FIRST SECRETARY ALVANO GURGEL ALENCAR NETTO, FOREIGN MINISTER'S STAFF.
FIRST SECRETARY BASSUL ATHUIL NETTO, OAS DIVISION FONOFF.
FIRST SECRETARY PAULO ROBERTO BARTHEL ROSA, TRADE POLICY DIVISION FONOFF.

D) IN CONVERSATION, COSTA SAID THAT GOB DOES NOT WANT TO SEE WORKING GROUP (WG) DEGENERATE INTO POLITICAL DISCCSION OR RHETORICAL EXCHANGE WITHOUT LIKELIHOOD OF CONCRETE RESULTS.

2. ON JUNE 14, AMBASSADOR RAISED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE ABSENCE FROM BRAZILIAN DELEGATION OF TECHNOLOGY USERS, EITHER FROM BRAZILIAN PRIVATE SECTOR OR STATE INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES. AFTER CHECKING WITH THE SENIOR ACTION OFFICER IN THE MINISTRY, SILVEIRA STATED THAT ADVISORS TO THE DELEGATION FROM STATE AND MIXED ENTERPRISES WOULD BE, IN EFFECT, ON CALL. HE EXPLAINED THAT THERE WERE SO MANY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE MEETING THAT THE MINISTRY, BEING UNABLE TO PUT ALL THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE USERS ON THE DELEGATION,

HAD SETTLED ON THE "ON TAP" EXPEDIENT. HE ADDED THAT, FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF WG, REPRESENTATIVES OF USERS WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY. THE FOREIGN MINISTER PARENTHETICALLY NOTED THAT HE AND HIS STAFF WERE IMPRESSED BY THE HIGH QUALITY AND RANK OF THE US DELEGATION.

3. ARTICLE IN JUNE 16 O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO REPORTED UPCOMING MEETING AND INDICATED THAT ACCORDING TO FONOFF SOURCES THE MAJOR PROBLEM FOR WG MEETING WILL BE TO AVOID THE FATE OF SIMILAR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE RELATIVELY POWERLESS IN DISCIPLINING AND QUANTIFYING THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY FROM DEVELOPED TO LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THE CHALLENGE OF THE BRASILIA MEETING WILL BE TO SHOW THE INSINCERITY OF THE LARGE POWERS WHEN THEY ARGUE THAT THEY CANNOT INTERFERE IN FREE ENTERPRISE AND THAT THEY ARE LIMITED IN INFLUENCING TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. COUNTERING THIS ARGUMENT, THE ARTICLE CONTINUED, OTHER COUNTRIES STATE THAT GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION IN ENTERPRISES, IN FORM OF FISCAL PRESSURES, SUBSIDIES, AND OTHER KINDS OF PARTICIPATION, ENABLE THEM TO ENCOURAGE THE TRANSFER OF THE KNOW-HOW, NOT OBSOLETE OR INADEQUATE, TO UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES. RIO DAILY O GLOBO REPORTED THAT WG SESSION WOULD BE MOST IMPORTANT RECENT MEETING BETWEEN US AND LATIN AMERICA ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT AND NOTED MEETING WOULD BE PART OF "NEW DIALOGUE" PROPOSED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER.

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